

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, with its preamble, as amended, was agreed to, as follows:

[The resolution was not available for printing. It will appear in a future edition of the RECORD.]

Mr. ROTH. Madam President, I thank my colleagues for unanimously adopting this resolution. I believe this vote of 100 to 0 lets Thailand and the Thai people know the heartfelt sentiments of the Senate and the American people toward bilateral friendship and partnership. It also makes clear our recognition of the strides Bangkok has been making in executing its responsibilities under its arrangements with the International Monetary Fund. Only last week, for example, Thailand deepened its commitment to economic reform by pledging to speed up privatizations and the reorganization of its banking system.

This week the new Prime Minister of Thailand, Chuan Leekpai, will visit the United States. Many of us will have the chance to meet him when he comes to visit Capitol Hill. While Prime Minister Chuan faces many challenges in the coming months and years, I hope and trust the support for Thailand that he will find in this country will help him in overcoming those challenges.

As I have said before, I believe that all of us in this Chamber—and Americans all across this land—are great admirers of Thailand and Thai culture. I remain optimistic about Thailand's future. Given the Thai people's energy and initiative, the country's remarkable history, and its record of economic success, I look forward to seeing Thailand's return to prosperity in the not-too-distant future.

Mr. CHAFEE. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CHAFEE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mr. CHAFEE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: Nos. 528, 531, 532 and 533.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### THE JUDICIARY

Hilda G. Tagle, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Sam A. Lindsay, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Judith M. Barzilay, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Delissa A. Ridgway, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998

Mr. CHAFEE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 1998, and that immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate begin a period for the transaction of morning business until the hour of 10:30 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator DORGAN, 15 minutes; Senator LEAHY, 15 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CHAFEE. Madam President, I also ask unanimous consent that at 10:30 a.m. the Senate resume consideration of S. 1173, the highway bill, and immediately proceed to a vote on or in relation to the McCain amendment No. 1726 regarding demonstration projects.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CHAFEE. Madam President, I further ask unanimous consent that Members have until the hour of 10 a.m. to file first-degree amendments to S. 1173.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. CHAFEE. Tomorrow, the Senate, Madam President, will be in a period of morning business from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., by a previous order, the Senate will proceed to a rollcall vote on the McCain amendment to S. 1173, the so-called ISTEA II legislation. Following that vote, the Senate will attempt to complete action on the bill.

In addition, the Senate may begin the consideration of S. 414, the international shipping bill, and H.R. 2646, the A-plus education bill. Therefore, Members should anticipate a busy voting day with votes occurring into the early evening.

Mr. FORD. Madam President, would the distinguished Senator yield for a question?

Mr. CHAFEE. Yes.

Mr. FORD. Members have until the hour of 10 a.m. to file first-degree amendments to S. 1173. Is that in addition to the amendments that are already filed correctly, and this gets around the hour in advance?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's understanding is correct.

Mr. FORD. So the second-degree amendments can still be offered?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By previous agreement, second-degree amendments are allowed for 24 hours.

Mr. FORD. I wanted to be sure about that so there would not be any confusion. I thank the leadership for accommodating those so we would not have to file those tonight and so we could prepare those overnight and file them at 10 o'clock in the morning. I am grateful for that accommodation.

I thank the chairman and I thank the Chair.

Mr. CHAFEE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. CHAFEE. I hope everybody does not feel—

Mr. FORD. Compelled.

Mr. CHAFEE. The requirement that they file an amendment. We have dealt with some 200 amendments. That, it seems to me, pretty well covers the field. So I would not have hurt feelings if there were no amendments filed by 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Mr. FORD. Well, the Senator knows that, given overnight, there is a lot of thought going into what they might file tomorrow, and to accommodate your colleagues, it may have gotten you in a little more trouble than you wanted. So I throw that in. I believe the Senator will be surprised at the small number of amendments that are filed by 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Mr. CHAFEE. I will be happy to be surprised.

So that completes our business. I do want to say to those who will be listening, I really believe we can finish this bill rather quickly tomorrow, if people restrain themselves on further amendments. We have some here, and we worked out some. It seems to me we have had a pretty good—we have been on this bill now I think for something close to 2½ weeks, and everything is pretty well taken care of. I hope Members will show great restraint.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. CHAFEE. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:48 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 12, 1998, at 9:30 a.m.